

Senate File 227

H-1137

1 Amend Senate File 227, as passed by the Senate, as  
2 follows:  
3 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:  
4 <Section 1. Section 257.17, Code 2015, is amended  
5 to read as follows:  
6 **257.17 Aid reduction for early school starts.**  
7 1. State aid payments made pursuant to section  
8 257.16 for a fiscal year shall be reduced by one  
9 one-hundred-eightieth for each day of that fiscal year  
10 for which the school district begins school before  
11 the earliest ~~starting~~ school start date specified in  
12 section 279.10, subsection 1. ~~However, this~~  
13 2. This section does not apply to a school district  
14 attendance center that has received approval from  
15 the director of the department of education under  
16 section 279.10, subsection 4 2, to ~~commence~~ maintain  
17 a year around school calendar that commences classes  
18 for regularly established elementary and secondary  
19 schools in advance of the ~~starting~~ school start date  
20 established in section 279.10, subsection 1. The  
21 department of management shall prorate the reduction  
22 made pursuant to this section to account for an  
23 attendance center in a school district that is approved  
24 to maintain a year around school calendar under section  
25 279.10, subsection 2.>  
26 2. Page 1, line 1, by striking <subsection 1, Code  
27 2015, is> and inserting <subsections 1 and 2, Code  
28 2015, are>  
29 3. Page 1, by striking lines 3 through 17 and  
30 inserting:  
31 <1. The school year for each school district and  
32 accredited nonpublic school shall begin on July 1 and  
33 ~~each regularly established elementary and secondary~~  
34 ~~school the school calendar shall begin no sooner than~~  
35 ~~a day during the calendar week in which the first day~~  
36 ~~of September falls but August 23 and no later than the~~  
37 ~~first Monday in December. However, if the first day~~  
38 ~~of September falls on a Sunday, school may begin on a~~  
39 ~~day during the calendar week which immediately precedes~~  
40 ~~the first day of September. The school calendar~~  
41 ~~shall include not less than one hundred eighty days,~~  
42 ~~except as provided in subsection 3, or one thousand~~  
43 ~~eighty hours of instruction during the calendar year.~~  
44 ~~The board of directors of a school district and the~~  
45 ~~authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school~~  
46 ~~shall determine the school start date for the school~~  
47 ~~calendar in accordance with this subsection and shall~~  
48 ~~set the number>~~  
49 4. Page 1, after line 32 by inserting:  
50 <2. The board of directors of a school district and

1 the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic  
2 school may apply to the department of education for  
3 authorization to maintain a year around school calendar  
4 at an attendance center or school for students in  
5 prekindergarten through grade eight. However, a board  
6 shall hold a public hearing on any proposal relating  
7 to the authorization for a year around school calendar  
8 prior to submitting it an application under this  
9 subsection to the department of education for approval.

10 a. The initial application for a year around school  
11 calendar shall be submitted to the department of  
12 education not later than November 1 of the preceding  
13 school year. The department shall notify the board  
14 or the authorities of the approval or denial of an  
15 application not later than the next following January  
16 15. The application may be approved for one or two  
17 years at a time. A board or the authorities in charge  
18 may reapply to renew an authorization by November 1 of  
19 the year prior to expiration of the authorization.

20 b. An attendance center or school authorized  
21 to maintain a year around calendar must serve all  
22 students attending the school and shall not be limited  
23 based on student achievement or based on the trait or  
24 characteristic of the student as defined in section  
25 280.28.

26 c. An attendance center or school authorized  
27 to maintain a year around school calendar under  
28 this subsection shall provide at least ten days of  
29 instruction or the hourly equivalent during eleven of  
30 the twelve months of the school year. The period of  
31 time between instructional days shall not exceed six  
32 weeks.

33 d. A year around school calendar authorized  
34 pursuant to this subsection is exempt from the school  
35 start date specified in subsection 1.>

36 5. Page 1, by striking lines 33 through 35 and  
37 inserting:

38 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 279.10, subsections 3 and 4,  
39 Code 2015, are amended by striking the subsections.

40 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. 2015-2016 YEAR AROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR  
41 APPLICATION DEADLINE. Notwithstanding section 279.10,  
42 subsection 2, paragraph "a", for the school year  
43 beginning July 1, 2015, a school district or accredited  
44 nonpublic school may submit an application for  
45 authorization to maintain a year around school calendar  
46 in accordance with section 279.10, subsection 2, not  
47 later than fifteen days following the effective date of  
48 this Act, and the department of education shall approve  
49 or deny an application submitted pursuant to this  
50 section not later thirty days following the effective

1 date of this Act.

2     Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act,  
3 being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
4 enactment.>

5     6. Title page, lines 1 and 2, by striking  
6 <eliminating waiver and penalty provisions> and  
7 inserting <to exception and penalty provisions and  
8 including effective date provisions>

9     7. By renumbering as necessary.

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